

English Translation of Notification of Reasons for Refusal Patent Application No.
2004-125566

Notification of Reasons for Refusal

Because of the following reasons, this application should be refused. An applicant may submit your argument against the reasons for refusal within 60 days on and after the posting of this notification.

REASONS

Reason

As the invention claimed below in this application could easily have been made, prior to the filing of the patent application, by a person with ordinary skill in the art to which the invention pertains, on the basis of an invention or inventions described in a distributed following publication or made available to the public in Japan or elsewhere prior to the filing of the patent application, a patent to the claimed invention should not be granted under the provision of Patent Law section 29(2).

Remarks (see a list of cited references)

<<Claims 1 to 4 and 7>>

“camera-integral VTR 10” and “TV receiver 30” in Figs. 6 to 8 of cited reference 1 correspond to “digital camera” and “housing device” in Figs. 6 to 8 in Figs. 6 to 8 of cited reference 1, respectively.

The cited reference 2 describes the invention pro, Please see cited reference 1, especially, paragraph numbers [0023] to [0026], Fig. 3, etc.

Cited reference 2 describes the invention that in order for a video recorder of a different standard to be capable of being housed in a TV or a TV turner, a video cassette recorder is configured so as to be housed in a TV or a TV turner via a specific adapter for this purpose, and thus, there is no peculiar difficulty in that this invention is employed in the invention described in Figs. 6 to 8 of cited reference 1 and that set-up device 32 is an adapter used for camera-integral VTR 10.

<<Claim 5>>

It is known that the station is configured to implement processing of retrieving data from a camera (e.g., see, especially, the descriptions of paragraph numbers [0023] to [0026] of cited reference 3, the descriptions of paragraph number [0008] of cited reference 4, etc).

<<Claim 6>>

In cited reference 5, the invention of unifying a videocassette recorder and a station loading a camera thereon is described, so that there is no peculiar difficulty in that this technical idea is employed in the invention described in Figs. 6 to 8 of cited

reference 1 and that an applicable target of the invention is the videocassette recorder instead of TV receiver 30.

List of cited references

1. Patent laid-open application H8-102897
2. Patent laid-open application H7-75040
3. Patent laid-open application H8-69684
4. Patent laid-open application H4-213436
5. Patent laid-open application H7-177454

Reason 2

The descriptions of the specification and the drawings of this patent application do not conform exactly with the requirements of Patent Law Sections 36(4) and 36(6)2 for a patent application.

Remarks

The configurations of the inventions in accordance with Claims 1 to 7 do not correspond to the object of the invention described in the paragraph numbers [0002] to [0006] of the specification, so that the object and the effect of the invention according to claims 1 to 7 cannot be comprehended.

Reason 3

The descriptions of claims of this application do not conform exactly with the requirements defined in Patent Law Section 36(6)-1.

Remarks

As pointed out in reason 2 above, the inventions according to claims 1 to 7 are not described properly in detailed descriptions of the invention.

Record of search result of prior art publication

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The record is not construed as reasons for refusal.

Decision of Refusal

Because of reasons based upon the provisions defined in Patent Law Section 29(2) described in Notification of Reasons for Refusal dated as of January 21, 2005, this application should be refused. No ground for overturning the reasons for refusal has been found although the contents of the written argument and the amendment are considered.

Notes

The applicant argues in the written argument that regarding cited reference 2, "Only an adapter corresponding to one type of a compact video recorder is disclosed".

However, in general, a plurality of devices of a different standard can be connected to a system corresponding to a specific standard only via an adapter prepared for each standard, but this is a common practice (e.g., see the micro film in Utility model application H2-15758(Utility model laid-open application H3-106599 and adapters for a plurality of power supply plugs corresponding to shapes of various power supply plugs). Even if cited reference 2 discloses one type of the adapter only, employing this idea in the invention described in cited reference 1 and preparing adapters for each a plurality of standards and cameras with a plurality of standards being enabled to be loaded could have been easily arrived at by the skilled person in the art.

Accordingly, the reasons for refusal with respect to claims 1 to 7 set forth in the application have not been eliminated yet.